



## **Fleet Week Sailors Get a Glimpse into Police Aviation**

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NEW YORK – Sailors visiting New York City for this year’s 20th Fleet Week toured the New York Police Department’s Aviation unit at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, May 25th.

The group of 13 Sailors came from different platforms in town for the week-long celebration, including USS Wasp (LHD 1), USS San Jacinto (CG 56), USS Winston Churchill (DDG 81) and USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79).

Intelligence Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class(SW) Joshua Foreman voiced his excitement while taking the tour.

“I was really excited to have the opportunity to see and talk to some of the NYPD Aviation Unit,” said Forman. “They have such a rich history and do so much for their city. It’s an honor to be in the company of true heroes.”

The Aviation Unit at Floyd Bennett Field responds to various emergencies and tasks, one of the most important being the support of the NYPD patrol units. From deploying divers during air-sea rescues to placing officers atop hi-rise buildings during emergencies, the Aviation Unit is vital to the NYPD in providing New York City with the fastest and most professional response available.

WASP’s Information Systems Officer, ENS Jason Dion, echoed Foreman’s admiration for the aviation police officers.

“They go out there every day to serve for the greater good of the city,” said Dion. “To be able to come out and spend the morning with these aviation officers was a wonderful experience.”

Part of the tour was the opportunity to experience the flight training device, designed to train pilots with instrumentation. The model, Augusta A119 flight training device, gives those in the pilot’s seat the chance to simulate real-life operations.

Detective Glenn Hoffmann, NYPD Aviation unit pilot and former Sailor, said it was a pleasure to show the Sailors where he worked.

“We get tours through here all the time, but this one was extra-special for me because I’m former Navy myself,” said Hoffmann. “We love this time of year when the ships come in for Fleet Week. It’s always a pleasure to host our country’s servicemembers and show our thanks for the sacrifices they make for our country.”

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